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A hundred years ago, King Phelios killed the Vampire King Duzell. Now, the reincarnated Duzell searches for the reincarnated Phelios to get his revenge. Some vampires just can't get over things. Duzell's search has led him to Lady Ishtar, a princess who, like most young members of the royal family, is a spoiled little snot. While she isn't Phelios' reincarnation, Ishtar is a direct descendent of the good king. She's just not a very grateful one. Unhappy with her pre-chosen role in life, Ishtar joins with the vampire Duzell, and this pernicious pair make their way to the kingdom of La Naan. Under the rule of the Lady Ramia, La Naan is also the home of her three sons, any one of which could be the reborn Phelios. Tolerating them long enough to find out, however, will be a challenge.

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Act.1

SORRY BOYS, BUT I'LL BE THE ONE TO CONQUER HER.
FIRST ISHTAR...
THEY'RE HERE. FINALLY.
LADY ISHTAR...
ISHTAR? THE PRINCESS OF PHELIOSTA IS HERE?
PRINCE VORD!
AN INTERESTING CASE OF SIBLING RIVALRY, THREE PRINCES...
...FIGHTING OVER ONE PRINCESS... AND PHELIOSTA'S THRONE.

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Act.1

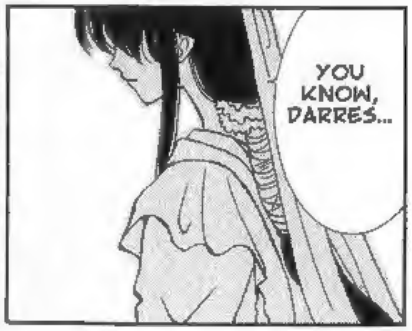
YOUR HIGHNESS, WE'VE ARRIVED AT THE CITY OF KNOLL.
WE'LL STAY HERE TONIGHT AND ARRIVE AT LA NAAN CASTLE TOMORROW.
AND PLEASE, REMEMBER EVERYTHING SIR KELD TAUGHT YOU. YOU'RE A PRINCESS, SO ACT LIKE ONE. AND DON'T START ANY TROUBLE, OKAY?
TROUBLE? ME?

I THOUGHT CONQUERING THE WORLD WOULD BE A FUN WAY TO PASS THE TIME.
WHY DID I FIGHT HIM?
I WAS BORED! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG IMMORTALITY IS?
HUH?
I CAN RELATE.
SO... YOU WERE BORED?
HEY! MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE WORLD DOMINATION A SHOT TOO!
WHAT?!

...THE ONLY THING THAT SETS ME APART IS MY BLOODLINE.
WITHOUT IT, I'M JUST ANOTHER GIRL FROM THE STICKS.
SO I HAVE TO COP AN ATTITUDE AND DEMAND RESPECT FROM EVERYONE.
OTHERWISE, I'LL END UP UNDER AUNT RAMIA'S THUMB LIKE THE REST OF HER CRONIES.
!

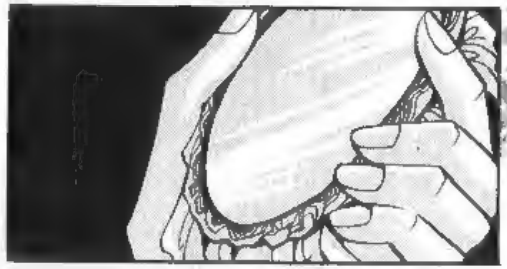
DON'T WORRY, DARRES.
I KNOW WHO I AM, AND THERE WON'T BE TROUBLE...
...AS LONG AS THESE CREEPS DON'T TREAT ME LIKE SOME COUNTRY HICK!

THE GIRL'S UP TO SOMETHING. I RECOGNIZE THAT SMILE.
WHAT? I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT.


YOU KNOW, DARRES...

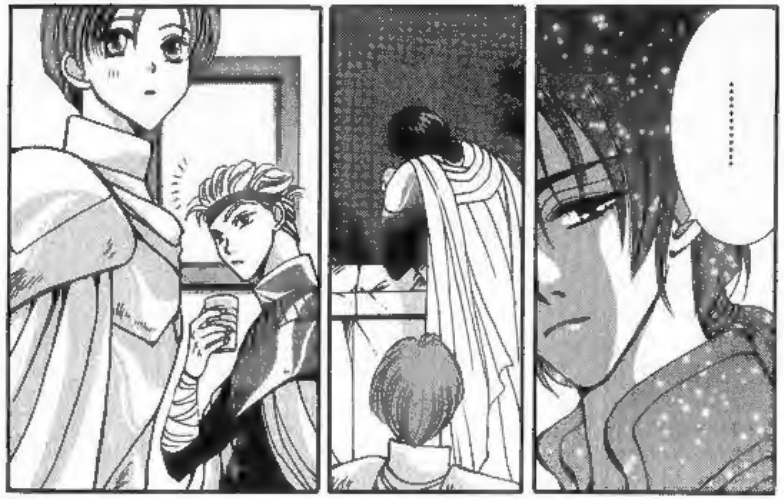
BUT NO ONE HAS EVER ASKED HER WHAT SHE WANTS.
WE HAVE ALL THESE PLANS FOR HER.
I SHOULD'VE REACHED OUT TO HER... SOMEHOW.
I DON'T WANT TO BE QUEEN.
I'D RATHER BE A NORMAL PERSON LIKE YOU...

"THE ONLY THING THAT SETS ME APART IS MY BLOODLINE."



DON'T WORRY, DARRES. I'LL MAKE YOU PROUD.

MAN, I HOPE NOT!
.....
WE'RE IN THE CITY OF KNOLL. THAT MEANS TONIGHT ...
HUH?!!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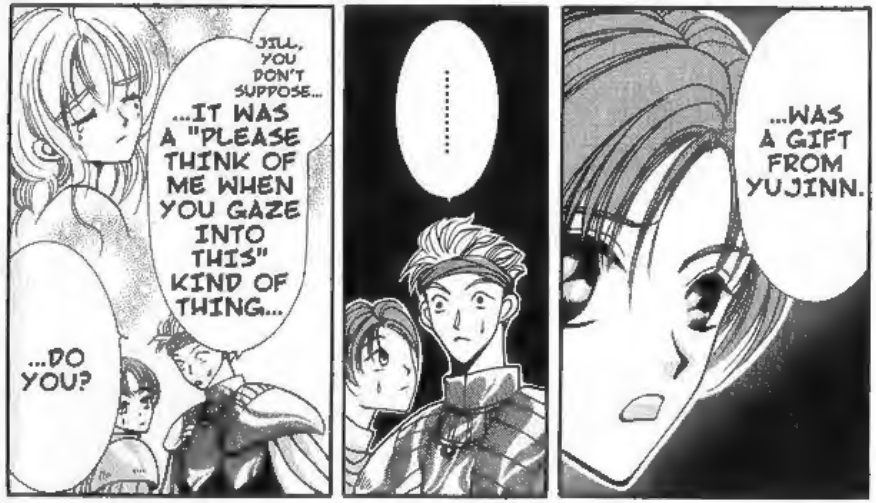
A NORMAL PERSON...

YOU KNOW, KRAI, THAT MIRROR...
THE CAPTAIN'S LOST IN THOUGHT LOOKING INTO THAT MIRROR.


JILL, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE...
...IT WAS A "PLEASE THINK OF ME WHEN YOU GAZE INTO THIS" KIND OF THING...
...DO YOU?
.....
...WAS A GIFT FROM YUJINN.

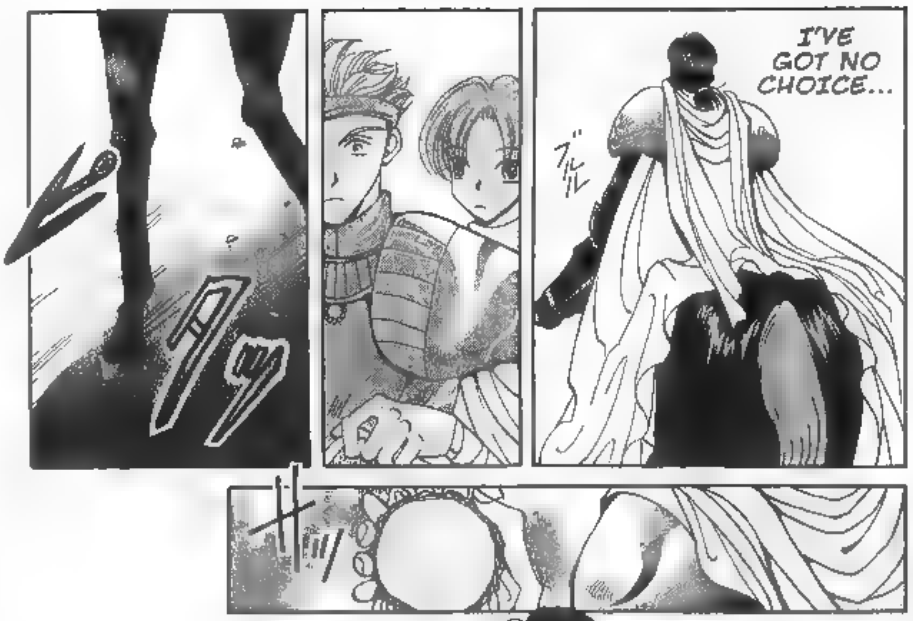
I KNEW THIS TRIP WAS A BAD IDEA.
DAMN!!
THE HOLY SWORD, HER CAT, AND A HORSE ARE ALSO MISSING.
THERE'S NO SIGN OF FORCED ENTRY. ALL THE MAGICAL DEFENSES ARE IN PLACE. IT LOOKS LIKE SHE SLIPPED OUT ON HER OWN.
SIR KELD WILL HAVE MY HEAD!
SHE'S MEETING LADY RAMIA AT NOON.
SHE MUST BE FOUND BEFORE THEN.

DUZIE, YOU'D LOOK SO CUTE IN THIS!
NOW, WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR...?
TONIGHT? YOU'RE NOT... I MEAN WE'RE NOT...
GRIN
.....!!
WHAT?!! YOU SAID LADY ISHTAR IS GONE?

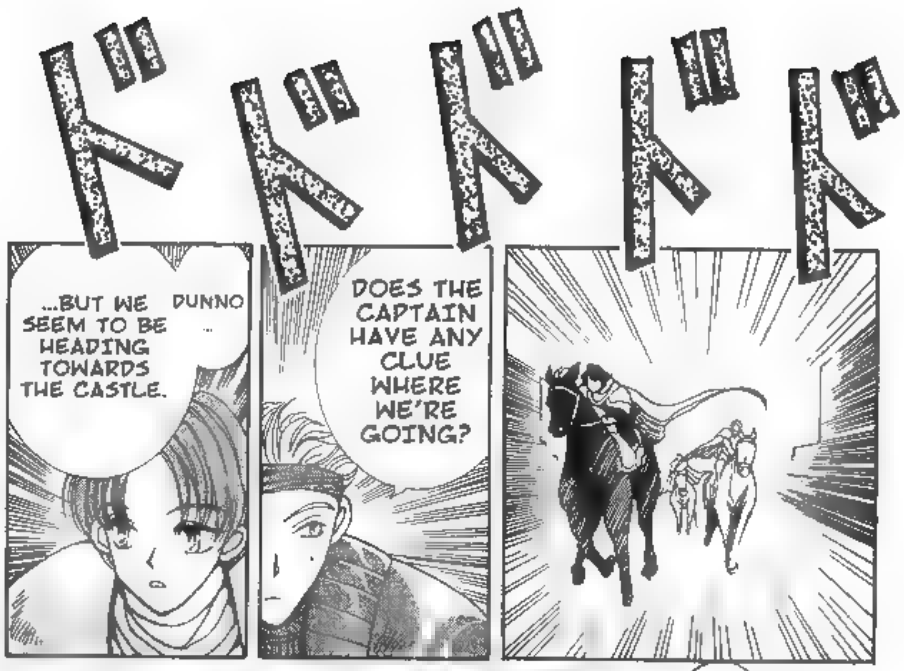
DUZIE, LOOK!
NEAR LA NAAN CASTLE
IT'S BUSIER THAN PHELIOSTA'S MARKETPLACE!
WE'RE NOT HERE TO SIGHTSEE, PRINCESS.
WE SHOULD STICK TO THE PLAN.

DON'T WORRY.
UNLESS SHE WANTS TO MEET MY SPANKING PADDLE INSTEAD! MAKE SURE OUR BAGS ARRIVE AND HER ROOM IS PREPARED
LADY ISHTAR IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AND AS SUCH, I ASSURE YOU SHE WILL BE IN LA NAAN IN TIME TO MEET HER AUNT
SIR DARRES ...
JILL, KRAI, SADDLE THE HORSES! WE RIDE OUT IMMEDIATELY!
CAPTAIN !!

I'M HERE FOR ONE REASON-- TO FIND AND KILL PHELIOS' REINCARNATION.
MY GUESS IS HE'S ONE OF YOUR THREE COUSINS WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET HERE. WE SHOULD BE--
CHILL OUT, DUZIE!
WE'LL MEET ALL OF THEM TOMORROW. YOU CAN BITE ANYONE YOU WANT THEN
.....
SO WHY ARE WE HERE?
HEH HEH...
I'VE GOT MY REASONS.
OH LOOK, THERE IT IS!
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
YOUR REASONS..
*Sign: The Coliseum
WHAT?!


I'VE GOT NO CHOICE...

HUH?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...BUT WE SEEM TO BE HEADING TOWARDS THE CASTLE.
DUNNO...
DOES THE CAPTAIN HAVE ANY CLUE WHERE WE'RE GOING?

.....
THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, THAT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE TO START LOOKING.
I COULD HAVE HANDLED THIS BETTER.
AFTER I PROMISED TO BRING ISHTAR BACK, IT SEEMED SO MUCH MORE DRAMATIC TO RIDE OFF IN SOME GRAND EXIT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE IT.
JUST THINK OF IT AS A GOOD LUCK CHARM.
SMILE
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU THINK I'M GOING TO SCREW UP!
!
グサッ

IT HAS MAGICAL PROPERTIES, LIKE SIDIA, THE HOLY SWORD.
THIS MIRROR IS FOR YOU.
HOWEVER, IT CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE SO SAVE IT UNTIL YOU'RE DESPERATE

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT NEED MY HELP
I CAN'T SEND ANY SPELLS THROUGH THE MIRROR, BUT I CAN SEND ADVICE.

THAT'S WHY YOU NEED IT. THE MIRROR ISN'T A WEAPON.
IT'S A WAY TO REACH ME
A WAY TO REACH YOU?

THANKS YUJINN, BUT I'M A SWORDSMAN, NOT A MAGICIAN
MAGIC?

!!

IF I CALL FOR HELP BEFORE WE EVEN GET TO LA NAAN...
FORGET IT
AND I'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT.
...YUJINN WILL SPLIT HIS SIDES LAUGHING.

HAVE YOU SEEN A YOUNG KNIGHT AROUND HERE?
EXCUSE ME, MISS!
A YOUNG KNIGHT?

YOU ALMOST BEAT MY GREAT-GRAND FATHER THAT MEANS YOU CAN FIGHT, RIGHT?
...WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE MY COUSINS DON'T WIN THIS COMPETITION IT'S CRUCIAL THAT THEY DON'T
JUST TRUST ME.
WHAT ARE YOU ASKING, PRINCESS ?
I DON'T LIKE THIS. SHE'S NOT TELLING ME EVERYTHING...
WELL, I KINDA GOT TRICKED BY AUNT RAMIA.
DUZELL
LONG STORY SHORT, I MADE HER A PROMISE I SHOULDN'T HAVE.
THIS MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITION COULD BE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!
TO TELL IF SOMEONE IS PHELIOS' REINCARNATION, YOU NEED TO TASTE THEIR BLOOD.
THE COLISEUM
I'M ALL REGISTERED, DUZIE! ARE YOU READY?
REGI...?
WHAT'S GOING ON?

HERE YOU GO, YOUR HIGH-NESS.

AND THE BEST PART IS--
ALL THREE OF MY COUSINS WILL BE IN IT.
NO ONE WILL NOTICE IF YOU TASTE SOME OF THE BLOOD THAT GETS ON YOU
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NOD NOD
IF THEY ARE PHELIOS,
I CAN KILL THEM ON THE SPOT.
HMMMM...
THIS STILL SMELLS FISHY...

NAH, TOO SCRAWNY DO YOU THINK THOSE ARMS CAN SWING A SWORD?
WHOA! WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
IS IT A MAN?
.....

YOU'RE ALREADY IN THE FINALS
PRINCE VORD, WHY ARE YOU COMPETING TODAY?
YOU'RE THE RETURNING CHAMPION
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE FIRST ROUNDS
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN BY FIGHTING TODAY
IF I WANT YOUR ADVICE, MYSTIC, I'LL ASK FOR IT GO STROKE YOUR CRYSTAL BALL OR SOMETHING

AND STEPPING INTO THE ARENA--
UH, BUT
MOVE! THIS ONE IS MINE.
HMMM...

ISHTAR, THE PRINCESS OF PHELIOSTA?!

吸血遊戯
西領編
Act.2
SORRY, HON...
I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY HANDSOME YOUNG KNIGHTS.
NO? WELL, THANK YOU.
...OFTEN KNIGHTS USE THE MOST RIDICULOUS DISGUISES WHEN THEY COME SEE ME. YOU SHOULD SEE SOME OF THE STUFF THEY WEAR.
HE COULD ALSO BE POSING AS A WOMAN. WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME ANYHOW, SEE YOU AROUND.
BUT ...
WHY YES, YOUR HIGHNESS. AT YOUR SERVICE
SUCH ATTITUDE...
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わくわく わくわく
WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
THE JOLLY BLOND GIANT?
WE'LL SEE HOW LONG THAT SASS LASTS.
FIGHTERS, TO YOUR MARKS.
BEGIN!

吸血遊戯
ラナーン
西領篇
Act.2
SHE REMINDS ME OF HER...
ぼわ〜
STOP DROOLING, CAPTAIN!
SHE'S ALREADY GONE.
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YOU HEAR ME?!
I WASN'T DROOLING!
RELAX, CAPTAIN. SHE WAS KINDA HOT.
NOT HOT ENOUGH TO PAY FOR, THOUGH.

I DON'T THINK SO!!!
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME! THROW DOWN A LADDER!
I NEVER WOULD HAVE GUESSED ...THAT SHE WAS A PROSTITUTE
YOU LOOK SURPRISED HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED WHERE WE ARE?
YOU PAY ME WELL, BUT WHORES ARE DEFINITELY NOT IN MY BUDGET
NOT UNLESS SHE'S LOOKING FOR SOME ACTION.
THE PRINCESS ISN'T AROUND HERE.
WHAT?!
HUH?
HI BOYS! LOOKING FOR A PRINCESS? WELL, WE GOT PLENTY UP HERE!
!

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SHE'S GOT SPIRIT.
BUT SPIRIT IS NO MATCH FOR SKILL.

THIS OX HAS A THING OR TWO TO LEARN ABOUT POINT FIGHTING.
YOU'D THINK A CHAMPION WOULD KNOW.
STRENGTH AND STAMINA DON'T COMPARE TO GUILE AND...

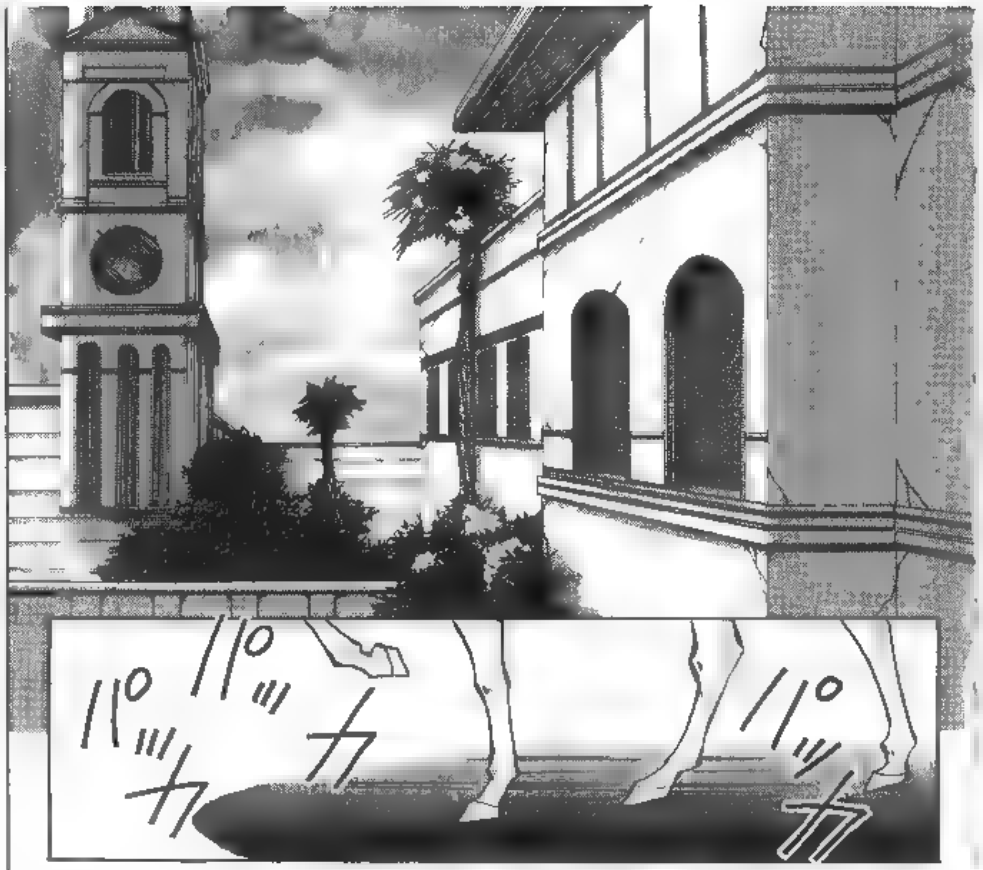
MY FELINE BODY ISN'T YET STRONG ENOUGH TO CHANNEL MY MAGIC.
DAMN SHAME. IT'LL JUST HAVE TO BE A STRAIGHT SWORD FIGHT.
!!

...SPEED!

NOT MUCH OF A RACK
TOUCHÉ! POINT!
SHE GOT ME! AND SHE...
PRINCE VORD!
PREMIR, GOD WITH AN EDGELESS SWORD!
SILENCE!
PRINCE ...?
ONLY MY SUBJECTS CALL ME "PRINCE"
SO... YOU'RE.
...BUT OTHER THAN THAT, SHE'S DAMN NEAR PERFECT

AND I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME.

MY REAL NAME IS VORD GIA LA NAAN, THE YOUNGEST PRINCE OF LA NAAN. BUT YOU CAN JUST CALL ME "VORD."
WHAT?!



NO LUCK. THERE'S NO TRACE OF HER.

YUCK!
SOMETHING'S...
...NOT RIGHT HERE.

SCRAWNY BRUNETTES WITH FLAT CHESTS DON'T TURN A LOT OF HEADS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD NOW IF SHE HAD AN ASS LIKE THAT BLOND WE SAW BACK THERE..
.....
IT MUST BE DONE.
I DON'T KNOW IF HE CAN HELP US.
.....
WELL, RIDING AROUND LIKE THIS IS GETTING US NOWHERE.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF LADY ISHTAR'S BEEN THIS WAY.
.....
SIR..
...WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?
AND SINCE SHE'S NOT EXACTLY A KNOCK-OUT...
...WHO WOULD NOTICE EVEN IF SHE HAD?

(にっこり)
YUJINN, ARE YOU SURE HER MAJESTY IS SAFE?
YES, SIR KELD. SHE'S FINE.
SHE HAS SIDIA, FIVE TALISMANS, AND DARRES PROTECTING HER.
NOT TO MENTION THAT CRAZY CAT OF HERS.
THAT'S THE EIGHTH TIME I'VE TOLD HIM THAT TODAY.

PHELIOSTA CASTLE
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IT'S ME.
THAT WAS QUICK, DARRES.
WHAT'S WRONG?
STRANGE ...
UH, YUJINN ?
YOUR MIRROR'S GLOWING
I WONDER IF HE HAS WORD FROM LADY ISHTAR?
A MESSENGER? EXCUSE ME!
IT'S NOTHING. I JUST POLISHED IT THIS MORNING, THAT'S ALL. SAY, IS THAT A MESSENGER I HEAR DOWN BY THE GATES?
OH, THAT OLD THING! HA HA!
BAM!

SHE'S SORRY?
HUH?
LOOK, I KNOW YOU WERE JUST KISSED BY A MAN AND ALL--
THAT'S NOT IT! BUT YOU DO OWE ME BIG TIME FOR THAT.
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T KNOW MY COUSIN WAS SUCH A HORNDOG.

THE PRINCE DEFINITELY WASN'T PHELIOS.
THEY'RE NOT EVEN RELATED.
HELLO?! ANYBODY HOME?
SO THAT MEANS...
BUT IF HE REALLY IS ISHTAR'S COUSIN, THEN HE'D HAVE TO BE PHELIOS' DESCENDANT.
DUZIE, SNAP OUT OF IT!

HAVE YOU SEEN MY AUNT?
ADULTERY? YOU THINK.
MY AUNT AND UNCLE ARE BOTH IN THE PHELIOS LINE.
EVEN IF ONE OF THEM HAD FOOLED AROUND, THEIR CHILD SHOULD STILL CARRY HIS BLOOD...
.....
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? DID I MAKE A MISTAKE?
IF I CAN'T SPOT PHELIOS BY THE TASTE OF HIS BLOOD, I MIGHT NEVER FIND HIM.
WOW THEY LOOK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
HE DOESN'T LOOK A BIT LIKE THAT PORTRAIT OVER THE MANTLE.
OF COURSE NOT I COULD'VE TOLD YOU THAT!
VORD ISN'T EVEN YOUR BLOOD RELATIVE.
WELL, ONE GOOD THING CAME FROM IT.
I NOW KNOW THAT VORD IS NOT PHELIOS.
WHAT? THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT.

THAT'S GOT TO BE HER!
LADY DUZELL? WHAT THE HELL?!
NO VISITORS PLEASE.
THIS IS THE LADY DUZELL'S ROOM. SHE MUST HAVE HER REST IF SHE IS TO FIGHT WELL TOMORROW!
DARRES!!

LA NAAN CASTLE

HI DARRES! NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN.
SAY, UH... HOW'D YOU FIND ME?
LADY ISHTAR!

吸血遊戯
西領篇 (ラ・ナン)
Act.3

BESIDES...
...DON'T I MAKE A CUTE GIRL?
YEAH. IT'S BEST IF I DON'T WANDER THE RED-LANTERN DISTRICT AS A MAN.
PEOPLE RECOGNIZE ME, AND I DON'T WANT MOTHER TO KNOW I'VE BEEN GOING TO A BROTHEL.
YOU'RE DRUNK AGAIN.
WE'LL BE BURYING YOU IN THAT DRESS IF YOU KEEP THIS UP.

HELLO... BROTHER.
NICE DRESS. YOU SAW MURRA AGAIN TONIGHT?

DON'T STAY UP LATE.
YOU HAVE A BIG --
I KNOW I HAVE A BIG DAY AHEAD OF ME
ALWAYS HAVE TO BE THE PROTECTIVE BROTHER, DON'T YOU, LAPHIJI? WELL, GOOD NIGHT.
BAM!
.....
SEI-LIEZ...
HE'S STARTING TO SOUND JUST LIKE MOTHER. AS IF SHE'S NOT BAD ENOUGH ON HER OWN.
WE'LL BE BURYING YOU IN THAT DRESS?

THAT DRESS. IT ISN'T YOUR COLOR
SEILIEZ, YOU'RE BACK.
MOTHER!
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME, BOY.
DO YOU REALLY THINK I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR DISGUSTING LITTLE OUTINGS?

PRINCESS ISHTAR HAS ARRIVED!!

...PARADING AS A WOMAN, CHASING THAT WHORE. IT'S DISGUSTING.
YOU WERE OUT AGAIN...
STILL ... YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA.
THAT HALFWIT NIECE OF MINE IS COMING. AN UNDISCIPLINED BRAT IF EVER THERE WAS ONE
YOU MAY YET PROVE THAT YOU'RE GOOD FOR SOMETHING, SEILIEZ.

ASK PEOPLE IF THEY'VE SEEN THE "BEAUTIFUL KNIGHT."

ODDS ARE YOU'LL FIND HER THERE. IF NOT--

AND SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO GO TO THE MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITION. I'D CHECK THE COLISEUM FIRST.

HMM... SHE'S NEVER BEEN TO LA NAAN BEFORE.

STUNNING. ABSOLUTELY STUNNING.
I HEARD HER MOTHER WAS QUITE LOVELY, BUT...
. I HAD NO IDEA HER DAUGHTER WAS SUCH A PIECE
OH MY ...
SHE LIVES UP TO HER REPUTATION WHAT AN ENTRANCE ..

ISHTAR IS BEAUTIFUL?
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NOW, NOW.
EVEN IF SHE'S DRESSED LIKE A MAN...
...THE PRINCESS CAN'T HIDE HER BEAUTY
BEAUTIFUL ?!
!
HAVE YOU GOT FAIRY DUST IN YOUR EYES AGAIN?! THE ISHTAR I KNOW IS ABOUT AS PRETTY AS SNOT!

LADY ISTHAR? BEAUTIFUL?
ARE YOU NUTS?!

I'M HONORED TO FINALLY MEET YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.
I AM SEILIEZ, THE OLDEST PRINCE OF LA NAAN.
.....!!
PRINCE ?

?
NO, SHE IS BEAUTIFUL.
BUT WHO IS SHE?

DAMMIT, SEILIEZ, YOU'RE DRUNK AGAIN!
AND THAT OUTFIT IS HARDLY PROPER FOR A PRINCE.
.....!
GO TO YOUR ROOM AND CHANGE THIS INSTANT!!

THAT'S A MAN?
WHAT? WHAT? WHAT?

SMACK!

SHE'S... A HE?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, AUNTIE.
BOYS WILL BE BOYS AND OCCASIONALLY, GIRLS, IT WOULD SEEM
BESIDES, IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A MAN WEAR A DRESS.
STICK TO OUR PLAN, DUZELL.
PLEASE EXCUSE MY SON.
HE CAN BE SO SILLY WHEN HE DRINKS.
GRIN

FORGIVE ME, HIGHNESS.
I'M SURE WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON.
EXCUSE ME.
ざわ
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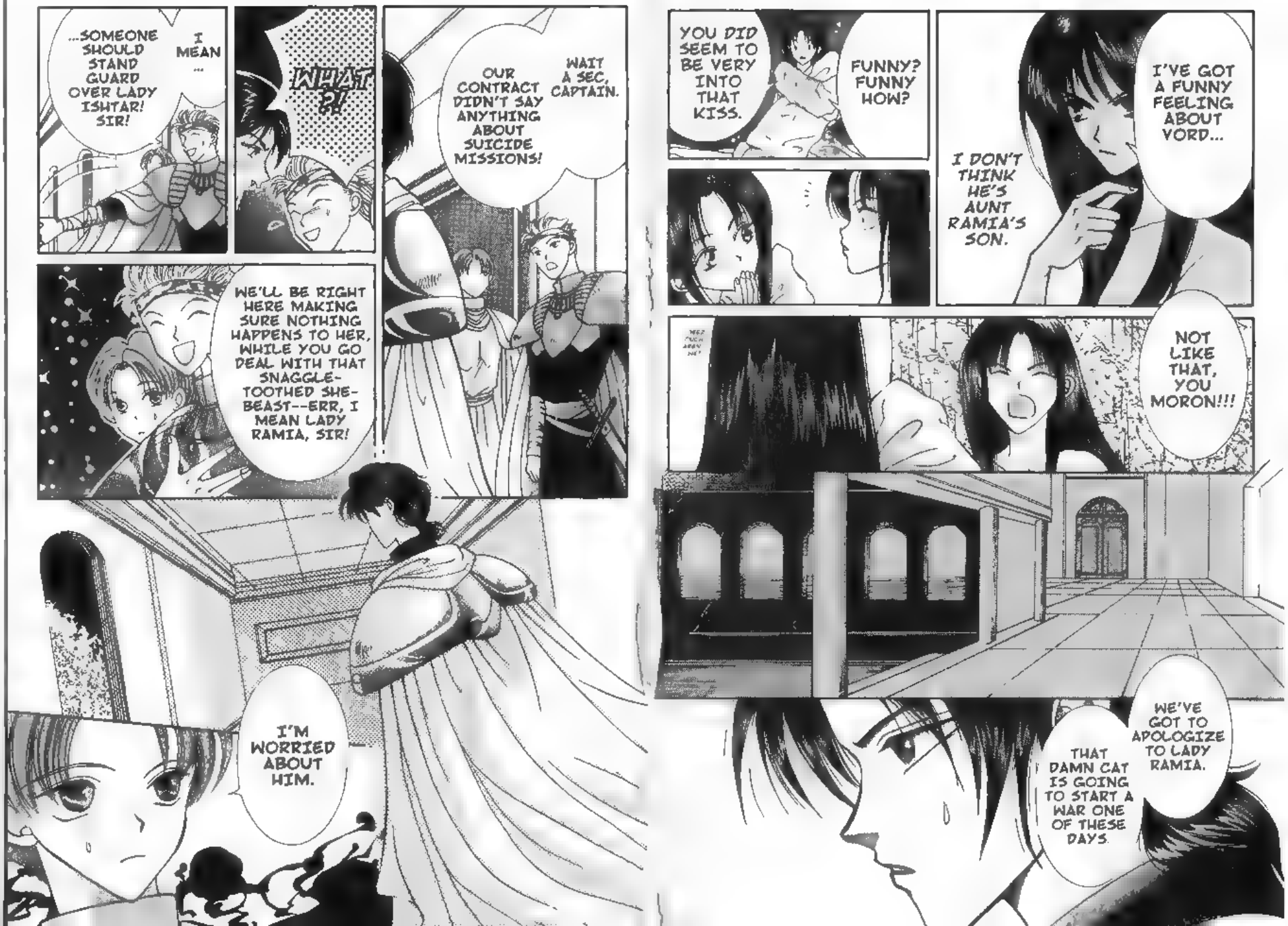
I KNEW HE WAS A PRETTY-BOY, BUT I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS A..
I HEARD HE'S BEEN HITTING THE BOTTLE...
WHAT A RUDE STUNT!
IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE COURT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D EMBARRASS LADY RAMIA LIKE THAT!
ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT HE LOOKED KINDA CUTE...

THIS LUG BEHIND ME IS DARRES! HE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT HE'S THE STRONGEST KNIGHT IN PHELIOSTA.
HMMM...
THE STRONGEST KNIGHT, EH?
WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE?
AND THIS IS VORD, MY YOUNGEST SON.
I UH... APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING.
ALLOW ME TO PRESENT MY OTHER TWO SONS.
THIS IS LAPHIJI, THE SECOND PRINCE OF LA NAAN.
PLEASE, CALL ME ISHTAR.
WELCOME, YOUR MAJESTY.

OH AUNTIE!
I'M SO SORRY!
HE GETS NERVOUS AROUND NEW PEOPLE!
LADY RAMIA!
AND THIS IS DUZELL, MY PET KYAWL!
A KYAWL?
DUZELL?
AHAH!

THAT LITTLE BITCH!
SHE MADE SEILIEZ DRESS LIKE THAT!
EVERYONE'S GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT HOW HE SHOWED UP IN DRAG LOOKING BETTER THAN ME.
MAYBE THE DUDE JUST LIKES WEARING PUMPS
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.
SHE'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET ONE OF HER SONS ON THE THRONE!
SHE'S ALWAYS PLAYING ONE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY AGAINST ANOTHER!
BUT I KNOW AUNT RAMIA!

BITING HER WAS FUN. HOWEVER, AS MUCH AS YOU HATE HER ...
AUNT RAMIA HAS A POINT.
YOU SHOWED HER, THOUGH HOW'D SHE TASTE?
SHE SAID I WAS LOUD AND RUDE. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?
SHE'S IN THE BLOODLINE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY PHELIOS HIMSELF HAS YET TO SHOW UP
...SHE'S NOT PHELIOS' REINCARNATION.
SO THAT LEAVES LAPHIJI, THE SPOOKY QUIET ONE...
AND SEILIEZ, THE HOTTIE.
HOTTIE? YOU'RE INTO THE FRUITCAKE?
AWWW MAN! JUST WHEN I WAS GETTING MY HOPES UP.


...SOMEONE SHOULD STAND GUARD OVER LADY ISHTAR! SIR!
I MEAN ...
WHAT?!
OUR CONTRACT DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT SUICIDE MISSIONS!
WAIT A SEC, CAPTAIN.
WE'LL BE RIGHT HERE MAKING SURE NOTHING HAPPENS TO HER, WHILE YOU GO DEAL WITH THAT SNAGGLE-TOOTHED SHE-BEAST--ERR, I MEAN LADY RAMIA, SIR!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
YOU DID SEEM TO BE VERY INTO THAT KISS.
FUNNY? FUNNY HOW?
I'VE GOT A FUNNY FEELING ABOUT VORD...
I DON'T THINK HE'S AUNT RAMIA'S SON.
NOT LIKE THAT, YOU MORON!!!
WE'VE GOT TO APOLOGIZE TO LADY RAMIA.
THAT DAMN CAT IS GOING TO START A WAR ONE OF THESE DAYS.

I'M HERE TO SEE LADY RAMIA.
M'LADY IS IN THE COURTYARD.

OF COURSE HE WILL!
HE'LL PROBABLY JUST MAKE THINGS WORSE.
YOU KNOW THE CAPTAIN HE'S NO DIPLOMAT HE'D RATHER SOLVE HIS PROBLEMS WITH SWORDS THAN WITH WORDS.
WHY?
WHY DON'T YOU GO HELP HIM OUT, JILL?
HUH?
I'VE GOT THE PRINCESS COVERED GO CHECK ON CAPTAIN DARRES.

...TO SEE YOU ON THE THRONE!
NO MATTER.
A LITTLE BLOOD IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY...
EVERYTHING IS COMING TOGETHER NICELY. I COULDN'T HAVE PLANNED IT BETTER MYSELF!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT TART PROMISED TO MARRY WHICHEVER PRINCE WINS THE TOURNAMENT?
THAT WAS NO ACCI-DENT!
I DOUBT THAT, MOTHER.
SHE MADE THAT BEAST BITE ME!
THAT ARROGANT LITTLE WENCH!!
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WHY WOULD SHE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

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JUST A CAT, MOTHER.

WHAT WAS THAT?
UH... MEOW?

A CAT?!
MOTHER, THAT WAS A KYAAH.
NOT ISHTAR'S RABID VAMPIRE CAT!

WHAT? ISHTAR SAID SHE'D MARRY THE VICTOR?!
SHE'D NEVER SAY THAT!!

OOPS! DID I SAY THAT?
OH NO!!!

THAT'S STRANGE. HE COVERED FOR US.
MAYBE HE'S NOT SUCH A BAD GUY AFTER ALL.
ARE YOU NUTS!!
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?!

OOOPS!
IF IT'S THAT LITTLE MONSTER, KILL IT IMMEDIATELY!
I'LL BE IN MY CHAMBERS!! WHERE IT'S SAFE.
NOT THAT YOU NEED IT.
GOOD LUCK TOMORROW, DARRES.
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE PHELIOSTA'S STRONGEST KNIGHT.

NOTHING ...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO REMAIN SILENT.
WHAT IS IT, LAPHIJI ?
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY?
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN SAY THAT YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SAID TO ME A THOUSAND TIMES BEFORE.
AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER, YOU'VE BEEN THERE TO COMFORT ME.
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COMFORT ME AFTER SHE HAD FINISHED SCOLDING ME.
WHEN I NEEDED A SHOULDER TO CRY ON...
YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE.
WHY DOES SHE HATE ME, LAPHIJI?
I'M HER SON! HER GODDAMN SON!
WHAT DID I EVER DO TO HER?!
IS IT BECAUSE I'M WEAKER THAN VORD?!
OR IS MY BLOOD ...
SOMEHOW LESS PURE THAN YOURS?!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL, YOU KNOW.

...I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU AND MURRA CAN LIVE TOGETHER.
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IF I WIN...
THAT'S ALL.
LAPHIGI...
SEILIEZ...
...I'M GOING TO WIN THE COMPETITION..
AND THE THRONE OF PHELIOSTA.
.....
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED IN THE THRONE
HERE, OR ANYWHERE ELSE.
WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART?
ABOUT DAMN TIME YOU STARTED ACTING LIKE IT.
WELL, YOU ARE THE BEST SWORDSMAN IN LA NAAN.

BROTHER...
DO YOU THINK I STILL NEED YOU TO STAND UP FOR ME?
IF I WANTED YOUR HELP, I'D ASK!
BEAUTIFUL SEILIEZ
PRINCE YORD ORDERED ME NOT TO INTERFERE
BUT YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE MY HELP
WHAT?! WHO THE HELL--
IF WE CAN MAKE A BARGAIN
YOUR EVERY DESIRE

WILL COME TRUE.
YOU'VE GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO!!

SO, I SIMPLY TOLD HER THAT PHELIOSTA'S CHAMPION WOULD TEAR THEM ALL APART IN THE TOURNAMENT.
WHAT?!
"LAPHIJI'S OHHH SO BRAVE, VORD IS SO VERY STRONG, SEILIEZ IS UH... SEILIEZ"
WELL, YOU KNOW HOW AUNT RAMIA IS ALWAYS GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HER SONS.
SO THIS IS THE PROMISE SHE MADE TO HER AUNT.
I WAS SO CERTAIN THAT YOU COULD KICK THEIR BUTTS
.THAT I TOLD HER I'D MARRY THE WINNING PRINCE IF I WAS WRONG.
WELL, NO.
IT WAS A LETTER, SO REALLY I WROTE IT.
WHY YOU SPOILED, LITTLE--!
YOU REALLY SAID THAT?!

THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM.
IF THE OLD MAN WERE HERE, HE'D HAVE A CORONARY. WELL, ACTUALLY, HE'D KILL ME FIRST, THEN DROP DEAD.

RIGHT NOW I HAVE BIGGER THINGS TO DEAL WITH!
I'M SURE HE'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.

CAPTAIN, WHERE'S KRAI?
BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT IT?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE LAST NIGHT.

THE GIRL'S REALLY MAKING A MESS OF THINGS.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN THE DINING HALL.

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HOT DAMN! LET'S EAT!

GOOD MORNING, YOUR MAJESTY.

SHE COULD WIND UP MARRYING THE REINCARNATION OF HER GREAT-GRANDFATHER. STRANGE AS THAT MAY BE, I'VE WAITED 100 YEARS TO KILL PHELIOS...
...AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN A GAUDY WEDDING RING TO STOP ME.
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SEILIEZ SENT WORD THAT HE'LL BE LATE.
MOTHER'S FEELING ILL, SO SHE WON'T BE JOINING US.
REALLY? SWEET!
UH, I MEAN, THAT'S TOO BAD.

WHAT?
CAN DUZELL SIT IN HER SEAT, THEN?
HOWEVER, YOU NOTICED I SAID HUMANS. THE TRADITION DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT CATS.
IN PHELIOSTA, THE DESCENDANTS OF PHELIOS CAN ONLY SHARE THE TABLE WITH HUMANS OF THE SAME BLOODLINE IT'S OUR LITTLE TRADITION
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SO, I ALWAYS EAT WITH DUZELL.

THE OBSESSION EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE WITH BLOODLINES
PERSONALLY, I THINK THE WHOLE THING'S A CROCK.
THINK ABOUT IT. SOME DEAD KING GETS HORNY AND HAS A KID AND WE DECIDE TO BASE OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ON IT?
I'D LAUGH IF I WASN'T TRAPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.
I BEG YOUR PARDON?

SHE'S GOT SPIRIT, SHE CAN FIGHT...
...AND SHE'S DEFINITELY EASY ON THE EYES.
THAT'S FUNNY I DON'T REMEMBER GIVING YOU PERMISSION TO BREATHE, LET ALONE TALK!
PRINCE VORD!
LADY RAMIA WILL BE FURIOUS!
OF COURSE.

IT IS.
DAMN FOOL'S JUST TRYING TO SCORE BROWNIE POINTS
OR IS HE?
SORRY I'M LATE, EVERYONE.

Not listening
CAPTAIN, SHE'S JUST MAKING THINGS WORSE.
I WOULDN'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHO MY GRANDFATHER MIGHT HAVE SHACKED UP WITH YET EVERYONE HERE IS OBSESSED WITH IT
IT'S DISGUSTING, DONTCHA THINK?
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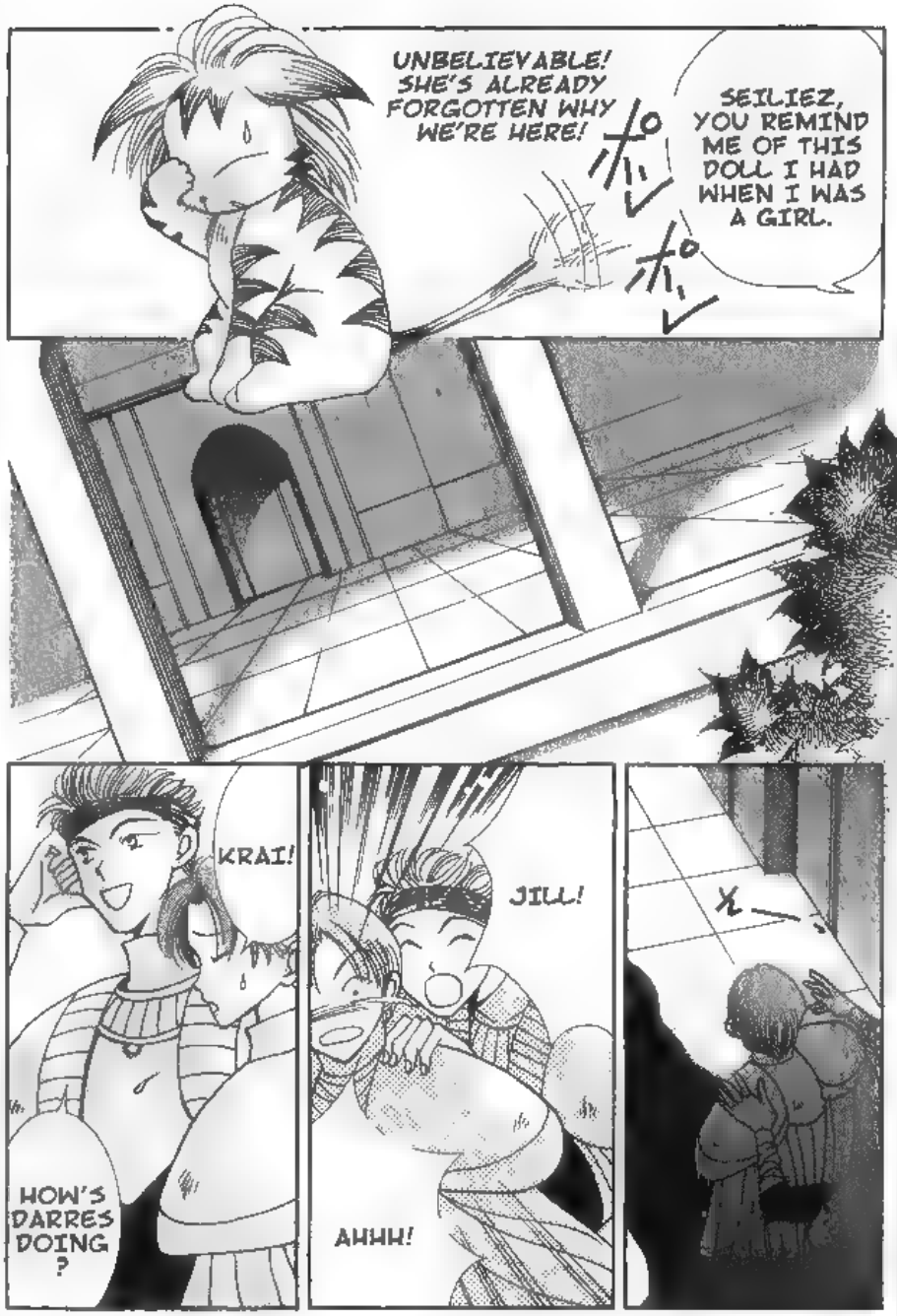
THERE IS NO WAY AUNT RAMIA'S YOUR MOTHER!
THANK YOU.
MIND IF I COME BY YOUR ROOM LATER?
HAPPY!

WOW!
SEILIEZ, YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL!


UNBELIEVABLE! SHE'S ALREADY FORGOTTEN WHY WE'RE HERE!
SEILIEZ, YOU REMIND ME OF THIS DOLL I HAD WHEN I WAS A GIRL.
KRAI!
HOW'S DARRES DOING?
JILL!
AHHH!

AND I HAVE TO TRY ON THAT DRESS FROM YESTERDAY.
I HAVE THESE EARRINGS THAT WOULD BE PERFECT ON YOU!
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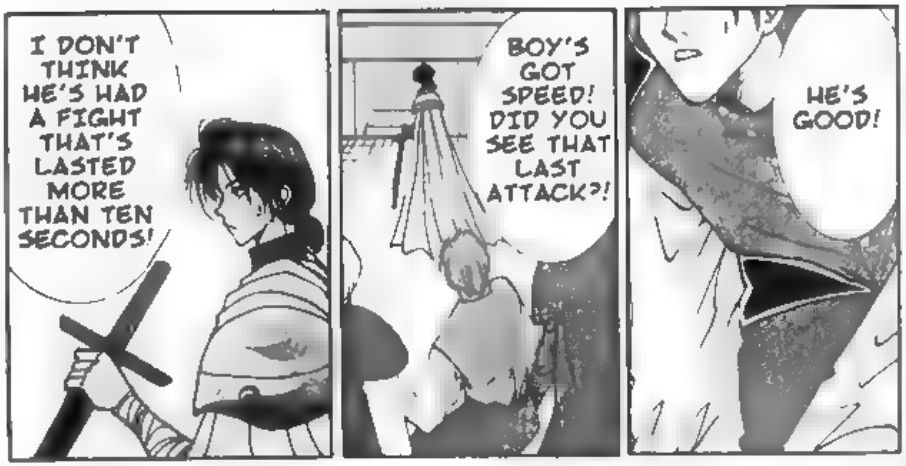
I'M WORRIED. HE'S WORKING HIS WAY THROUGH THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS.
THAT SHOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE FOR HIM! DON'T WORRY!
WE'RE NECK DEEP IN TROUBLE.
WE COULD'VE USED YOUR HELP.
WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?!
WAIT A SECOND...
-WHY-AM-I NOT-SURPRISED?-
YOU WERE AT A BROTHEL!
YOU KNOW, WHEN WE WERE LOOKING FOR HER HIGH-NESS?
OH! WELL, I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER THOSE GIRLS WE MET.
ME?

I MEAN, SHE HAS GOT TO BE MY MOM'S AGE!
I'M ALL FOR DIFFERENT STROKES, BUT SHE'S A BIT TOO DIFFERENT TO GO STROKING ME, IF YOU GET WHAT I'M SAYING.
...I CHECKED OUT THE GIRL HE'S SEEING, MURRA. LET ME TELL YOU...
HEY, I WAS THERE ON BUSINESS! THE PRETTY BOY, PRINCE SEILIEZ...
...THAT BOY HAS SOME FREAKY TASTE!
TOUCHÉ! POINT!


I DON'T THINK HE'S HAD A FIGHT THAT'S LASTED MORE THAN TEN SECONDS!
BOY'S GOT SPEED! DID YOU SEE THAT LAST ATTACK?!
HE'S GOOD!

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GOOD.

SIR DARRES OF PHELIOSTA HAS WON SEVEN CONSECUTIVE FIGHTS!
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WHICH PRINCE WILL SHE CHOOSE?
NO, WITH ANY OUTFIT.
THIS WOULD LOOK ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS ON YOU.
THE NEXT TIME I'M DRESSED AS A WOMAN?

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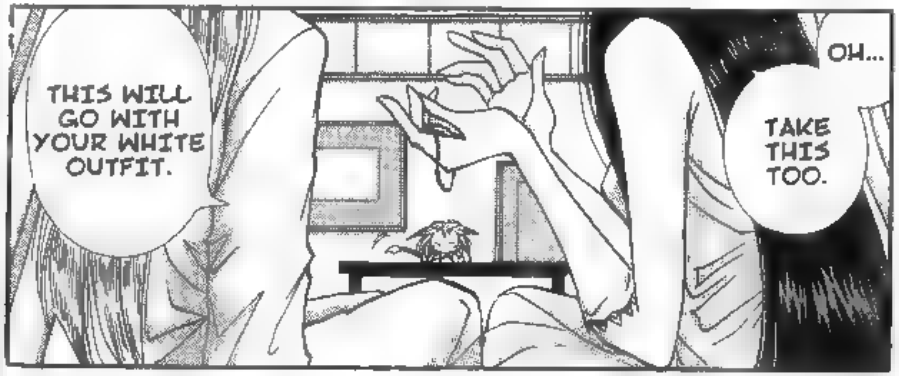
THE GIANT?
WILL IT BE THIS LIVING DOLL?
OR THE DARK, BROODING ONE?
THE PURPLE STONE WILL REALLY BRING OUT YOUR VIOLET EYES.
I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS.
HERE YOU GO, SEILIEZ.


THIS WILL GO WITH YOUR WHITE OUTFIT.
OH...
TAKE THIS TOO.

PRETTY SLIM PICKINGS IF YOU ASK ME.
AND DIDN'T ISHTAR SAY SHE HAD FEELINGS FOR DARRES?
!?
WAIT A MINUTE!
SHE'S ONLY GETTING MARRIED IF ONE OF THE PRINCES WINS.
AND SINCE SHE TOLD ME TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT.

YOUR MAJESTY, I HATE TO CUT THIS SHORT...
BUT IT'S LATE, AND I'M FIGHTING IN THE COMPETITION TOMORROW.
STRANGE..

...SHE'S NOT PLANNING ON MARRYING ANY OF THEM!!
I'VE BEEN SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME AROUND PRINCESSES.
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? GETTING ALL WORKED UP LIKE THAT.

I WAS GOING TO JUMP HER RIGHT HERE.
JUST TO SEE HER REACTION.
IT'S TIME?
DAMN.
WHAT IS IT?
SHE JUST LOOKED SO INNOCENT.
...NOT A MAN.
SHE'S TREATING ME LIKE A SISTER ...
SHOCKED
HISSS...
SEILIEZ ...

RELAX, IT WAS A JOKE.
SEIL-IEZ.
DUZIE!
WAS IT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BITE HIM!
MEOW MEOW
YOU WEREN'T ASLEEP?
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, DUZIE.
HOW COULD YOU ZONE OUT LIKE THAT? WE'RE HERE FOR ONE REASON ONLY.
MEOW
BITE HIM, RIGHT. YES, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO DO THAT.

Hi!
WHO'S THE HOTTIE ENTERING THE ARENA?
OH BABY, COME TO DADDY!
SHE'S SWEETER THAN THE GIRL PRINCE VORD KISSED THE OTHER DAY!!
WHAT?
HE'S MY BROTHER.
IDIOTS.
YOU STILL HAVEN'T TESTED SEILIEZ AND LAPHIJI!!
BITE + SUCK BLOOD = FIND OUT IF HE'S PHELIOS + FILLS YOUR TUMMY TOO.
SEE?
GRRRRRR
I'M AN IDIOT! THE GIRL MUST BE RUBBING OFF ON ME!!

THE NEXT CHALLENGER
WHAT?!
POINT FOR SEILIEZ!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE ...
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE
THIS IS HIS FIRST MATCH, RIGHT?
SORRY ABOUT THAT
TRIES TO, ANYWAY HE USUALLY GETS KNOCKED ON HIS ASS AFTER ABOUT THREE MINUTES.
ACTUALLY, HE FIGHTS EVERY YEAR.
THAT'S NOT PRINCE LAPHIJI!
OH WAIT, IT'S THE OTHER PRINCE
HE CAN'T BE THAT BAD.
HE'S NOT ANY GOOD?
SEILIEZ, YOU'RE GOING TO END UP SCARRING THAT PRETTY FACE.
THAT'D REALLY MAKE LAPHIJI UPSET.
AND, WE WOULDN'T WANT THAT.

OH, SHARLEN?
HEY, SPEAKING OF PRETTY BOYS, WHERE'S YOUR MYSTIC?
HE WASN'T BEEN AROUND HERE LATELY
UH, BILL?
TOO BAD HE'S A GUY
HE'S PROBABLY JUST TIRED OF ME
DRESSING ROOM

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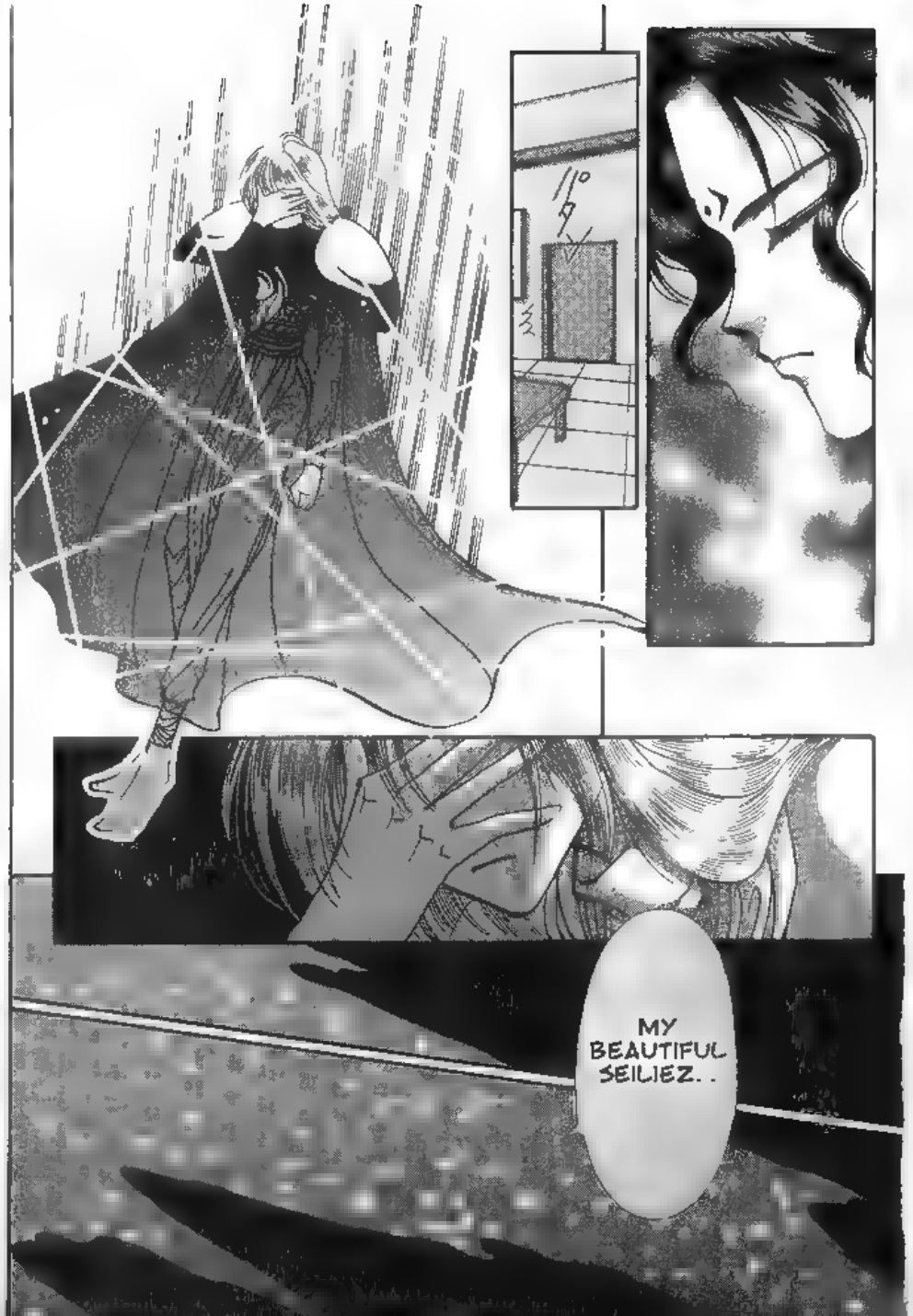
UNLESS THE TOURNAMENT IS FIXED!

AFTER ALL THE BRAGGING SHE'S DONE, SHE'D LOOK SILLY IF HE LOST IN THE PRELIMINARIES
MOTHER MUST HAVE BRIBED SOME-BODY

YOUR BROTHER WON AGAIN!
HE'S REALLY GOOD. CUTE, TOO!

POINT FOR SEILIEZ!!
STILL, HE'LL GET FLATTENED IN THE FINALS


MY BEAUTIFUL SEILIEZ..

MOTHER WOULD BE SO PROUD.

SEILIEZ...

I NEED TO CHANGE.

BRO-THER...
YOU'LL BE GLAD TO HEAR THAT I'VE QUALIFIED FOR THE FINALS ON MY OWN.

LEAVE ME ALONE FOR A WHILE.

...IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, BUT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, TURN TOWARD THE DARKNESS...
...AND SAY...
OKAY, I'LL BE THE DEVIL...
DEVIL... THAT'S A NEW ONE.
...SHAR-LEN.

HUH?!
YOUR HEART'S DESIRE, THERE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MY OFFER?

DEVIL! GET THEE BEHIND ME!

WHAT IF IT STILL HAS SOME JUICE LEFT?!
WAIT A MINUTE!
IT'S NOT LIKE I BROKE IT OR ANYTHING
YUJINN SA.D IT WAS A ONE SHOT DEAL
MAYBE I SHOULD
JUST IN CASE
.....
.....
DARRES ?
STAY RIGHT THERE!
JILL! KRAI!
GAH! WHAT AM I SAYING? THAT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT!
UNLESS I CAN RIG THE COMPETITION...
DAMN, DAMN, DAMN!
THE CLOSER WE GET TO ENDING THIS THING, THE MORE IT LOOKS LIKE ISHTAR WILL BE WALKING DOWN THE AISLE WITH ONE OF THOSE FREAKS.
I WOULDN'T HAVE...
...ANY CLUE THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
...USED THAT MIRROR WHEN I DID IF I HAD HAD...

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GOOD NIGHT.
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HAD TO BE.
SHE HAD TO BE SLEEP-WALKING.

WHERE'S DARRES?
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YOUR HIGHNESS!
UH... HE WENT TO GO GET SOME JUICE... I THINK.
SLEEP WITH THE CAPTAIN?
I WANTED TO SLEEP IN HERE WITH HIM.

YOU OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T HEAR WHAT SHE SAID DURING BREAKFAST THIS MORNING.
OUT OF MY BROTHERS? MAYBE BUT I DON'T THINK SHE LIKES ANY OF US ALL THAT MUCH
WHAT'S SO STRANGE ABOUT HER?

OH THOSE
PRINCESS ISHTAR GAVE THEM TO ME.
PRINCE SEILIEZ, WHAT ARE THESE?
SHE SAID THEY LOOKED BETTER ON ME THAN HER. ALTHOUGH, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS A COMPLIMENT.
I CAN'T ACCEPT SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
IF YOU WANT THEM, THEY'RE YOURS.
BUT SHE OBVIOUSLY HAS GOOD TASTE. AFTER ALL, SHE SEEMS TO LIKE YOU THE BEST.
SHE'S A VERY STRANGE GIRL.

IT WORKED!!
YUJINN!!
HELLO THERE!
NOW, WHAT'S GOING ON?
YES, DARRES.
I MUST BE PRETTY DARN MAGICAL AFTER ALL, EH?
...BUT I JUST USED IT A SECOND TIME!
HEY! YOU SAID I COULD ONLY USE THIS MIRROR ONCE
ANYWAY, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!!
...SOMEONE WHOSE TITLE RESTS SOLELY ON HER BLOODLINE ...
AND FOR A DIRECT DESCENDENT OF ST PHELIOS TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
"SOME DEAD KING GETS HORNY AND HAS A KID..."
"... AND WE DECIDE TO BASE OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ON IT?"
WELL, ISN'T IT A BIT STRANGE?

DARRES, STOP!
BEFORE YOU BEGIN, I WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO ME.
THIS IS A RUELLE MIRROR IT'S ONE OF THE FEW PRICELESS, MAGICAL TREASURES LEFT IN THIS WORLD
ITS POWERS NEVER WEAR DOWN.
BUT YOU SAID--
WILL YOU BE QUIET FOR A MINUTE?!
LISTEN TO ME. I HAD GOOD REASON...
...FOR LYING TO YOU.
THE MIRROR HAS A WEAKNESS.
EVERY TIME IT'S USED, IT'S POSSIBLE FOR A MORE POWERFUL SORCERER ... TO GET A FIX ON IT.
THEY'D BE ABLE TO LISTEN IN ON WHAT WE'RE SAYING.
SPIES?
YES.
THAT KINDA DEFEATS THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS THING, DOESN'T IT?!!
SO, KEEP THAT IN MIND, AND WATCH WHAT YOU SAY.
WATCH WHAT I SAY?

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"I WOULDN'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHO MY GRANDFATHER MIGHT HAVE SHACKED UP WITH YET EVERYONE HERE IS OBSESSED WITH IT IT'S DISGUSTING DONTCHA THINK?"
IF SHE REALLY MEANS THAT...
THEN PERHAPS IT'S POSSIBLE
FOR LADY ISHTAR TO LOVE SOMEONE LIKE ME.
SOMEONE LIKE ME

WE CAN CHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER...
DAMMIT, YUJINN...
...HOW CAN I WATCH WHAT I SAY?!

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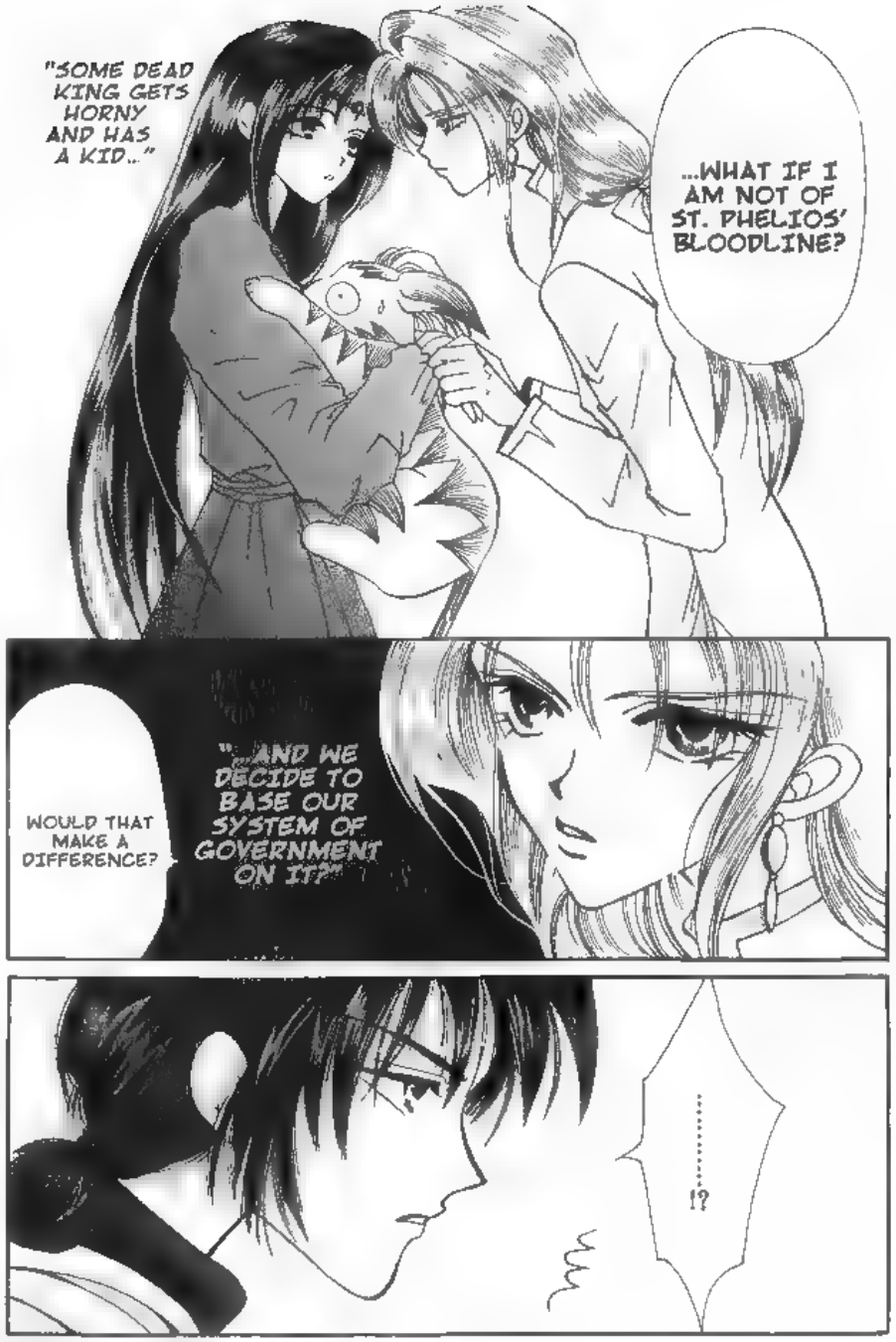
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
I NEED TO ASK YOU A QUESTION.
UH... OKAY?
IF YOUR MAJESTY ...

SEILIEZ ...
OH MY GOD! YOU'RE WEARING THE EAR-RINGS!
THEY LOOK GREAT ON YOU!

"SHE OBVIOUSLY HAS GOOD TASTE. AFTER ALL, SHE SEEMS TO LIKE YOU THE BEST"
...WHO WOULD YOU PICK?
...WAS TO CHOOSE A PRINCE OF LA NAAN AS YOUR HUSBAND...
I MEAN... WELL... IF YOU DID...
NOT A BLINK
SEILIEZ?!
WELL...
WHY, I'D PICK YOU!
OUT OF THE THREE OF YOU?
LADY ISHTAR! SHE DID IT AGAIN!
PRETTY
GROSS
GROSS

YOU ASK SUCH STRANGE QUESTIONS, SEILIEZ.
EVEN IF YOU HAD DUZIE'S BLOOD IN YOU...
YOU'D STILL BE SEILIEZ, RIGHT?
IT WOULDN'T CHANGE MY ANSWER.
"WOULDN'T CHANGE MY ANSWER..."


"SOME DEAD KING GETS HORNY AND HAS A KID.."
...WHAT IF I AM NOT OF ST. PHELIOS' BLOODLINE?
WOULD THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
"...AND WE DECIDE TO BASE OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ON IT?"
.....!?

...I TALKED TO HIM, BUT...
...SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE BEEN LISTENING, SO HE KEPT CHANGING THE SUBJECT FROM ISHTAR TO THE WEATHER.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT'S GOING ON.
ALTHOUGH I DO KNOW THAT WE CAN EXPECT RAIN WHEN WE HEAD BACK
IT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST. IF WORD WAS TO GET OUT, WE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GET LADY RAMIA TO BACK OUT OF THE DEAL.
AND SIR KELD WOULD FLAY US ALIVE IF HE FOUND OUT ABOUT ANY OF THIS.
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IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
THE CAPTAIN JUST HAS TO WIN THE CONTEST!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS.
I KNEW IT!
SHE LIKES ...
PRETTY BOYS!!
YUJINN ...
WHAT DID HE SAY? HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS?
YOU TALKED TO YUJINN, RIGHT?
CAPTAIN—

.....?
I THINK I'VE GOT ONE!
PHELIOSTA CASTLE
SCANDAL ?

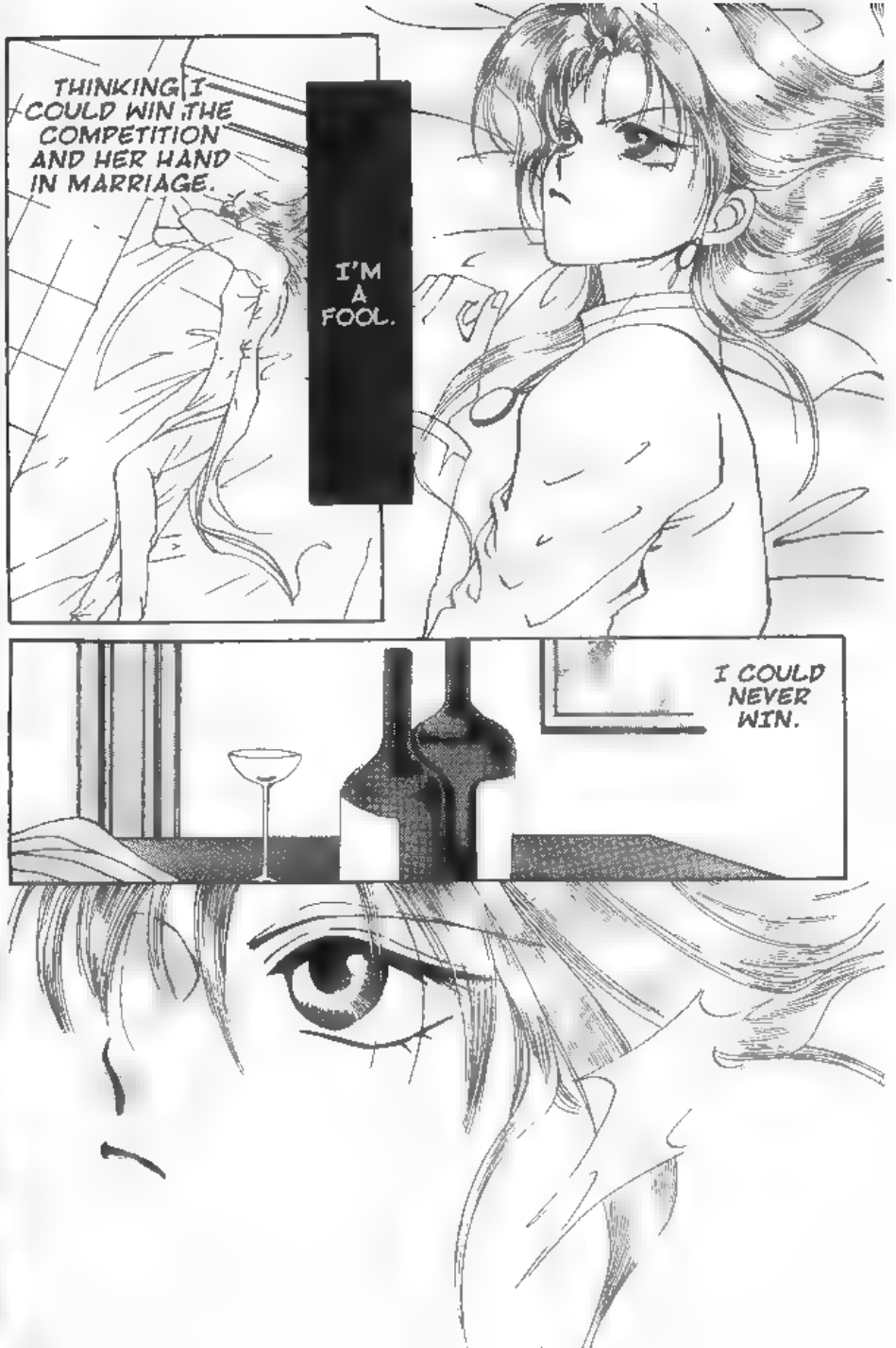
NOTHING SINKS A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT LIKE A TABLOID HEADING, AFTER ALL.
...WE CAN ALWAYS COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF SCANDAL.
AND EVEN IF HE DOESN'T ...

THEY DON'T THINK I CAN WIN.
WAIT!

WHAT?
I'VE GOT SOMETHING. BUT YOU MUST KEEP THIS A SECRET.
AND I'M NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN YOU CAN.
WELL...
AFTER ALL, YOU'VE EXPERIENCED THEIR POWER FIRSTHAND.
...I'M SURE I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE ALDA INTELLIGENCE NETWORK
AWW, HELL. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THAT HURTS, LUCY, BUT THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME.
YUJINN...
IT'S BEEN A FULL YEAR WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A LETTER. AND YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST--
YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING.
I DON'T WANT THEM KILLED, BUT...
IT'S ABOUT THE THREE PRINCES OF LA NAAN.
I KNOW.
YOU'RE QUICK, LUCY. I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THAT.
SOMETHING THAT WILL DENY THEIR CLAIM TO THE THRONE OF PHELIOSTA.

"I'D PICK YOU!!"
"YOU ASK SUCH STRANGE QUESTIONS, SEILIEZ."
"EVEN IF YOU HAD DUZIE'S BLOOD IN YOU, YOU'D STILL BE SEILIEZ, RIGHT?"
"IT WOULDN'T CHANGE MY ANSWER."
INCLUDING MYSELF.
...I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FEEL LOVE FROM ANYONE AGAIN.
SINCE FINDING OUT...
BUT...
...MAYBE SHE CAN..

"TURN TOWARD THE DARKNESS AND..."
"...SAY 'SHARLEN'"


THINKING I COULD WIN THE COMPETITION AND HER HAND IN MARRIAGE.
I'M A FOOL.
I COULD NEVER WIN.

WHAT WAS THAT?
GOT IT?!
LOOK, I DON'T LIKE GROSS GUYS, BUT I DON'T LIKE THEM BEING CUTER THAN ME, EITHER!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!! YOU'RE AVOIDING THE QUES-TION!
YOU DON'T LIKE GUYS CUTER THAN YOU?
EVEN ME?
THAT'S RIGHT.
LIKE THIS?
OR THIS?
YOU?
I WAS JUST SAYING THAT IF I HAD TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE THREE, I'D PICK THE PRETTY ONE
I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT.
SO WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
LOOK, ROYAL SUITORS ARE CHOSEN BASED ON THEIR BLOODLINE, NOT BY ME.
RIGHT, BUT HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT TO HIM? YOU KNOW HE'S NOT GOING TO TAKE IT THAT WAY!
THAT'S IT! I SWEAR!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, DUZIE?
.....
!!
AAARRRGGHH!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
THIS BODY IS STILL SO WEAK. I HAVE NO WAY OF SHIELDING MYSELF.
NEVER MIND THAT.
I'M FINE... NOW...
THERE WAS JUST A MASSIVE DISCHARGE OF MAGICAL ENERGY SOMEWHERE IN THE CASTLE
IF I AM NOT DECEIVED...
...THE SPELLCASTER IS A VAMPIRE...
...CASTING THE GUARDIAN SPELL
DUZIE?
DUZIE?
DUZELL!!

WHO WOULD NEED A SPELL LIKE THAT?

OPENING DAY
FINAL ROUND OF THE
LA MAAN MARTIAL ARTS
COMPETITION
JILL! KRAI!
DON'T LET HER MAJESTY OUT OF YOUR SIGHT TODAY!
AND LISTEN UP...
...IF I SO MUCH AS HEAR THAT YOU'VE BEEN SCREWING AROUND TODAY...
...I'LL SEE TO IT THAT BOTH OF YOU SPEND THE NEXT YEAR CLEANING OUT LATRINES!
GOT IT?
.....

YUJINN! I'M DUE IN THE RING--
YUJINN, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT NOW.
I'LL JUST WIN THE CONTEST AND--
SURE YOU WILL, BUT HEAR ME OUT, JUST IN CASE.
LISTEN CLOSELY
...ONE OF THE PRINCES MAY NOT BE OF PHELIOS' BLOODLINE.
!?

CAPTAIN, YOU'RE UH... MIRROR IS RINGING
DARRES ...
I HAVE SOME DIRT ON THE LA NAAN FAMILY THAT MIGHT HELP.
A SCAN-DAL?
I HAVE NO PROOF TO BACK IT UP.
I'LL NEED YOU TO INVESTI-GATE.

AND IF HE DOESN'T CARRY THE HOLY BLOOD OF KING PHELIOS...

...THEN HE CAN'T ASCEND TO THE THRONE.

IN OTHER WORDS, HE CAN'T MARRY LADY ISHTAR!

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POSTSCRIPT

HI THERE!

ABOUT SEILIEZ

ABOUT VORD

VAMPIRE GAME

Next issue...

Comic escapades meet with political intrigue and martial arts action in what may be the most exciting volume of Vampire Game yet! As the Le Naan Competition enters its final rounds, Seiliez, Laphiji, Vord and Darres lock blades with the Kingdom of Pheliosta at stake. However, all is not what it seems. A tip from Yujinn leads Krai and Jill to Le Naan's infamous Red-Lantern district to dig up dirt on the royal family, while the motives of the three princes become murkier. Why is the fortuneteller Sharlen so interested in Seiliez? Why is Vord interested in helping Darres? Why won't Laphiji say something? Anything! And as for our titular character, what is Duzell doing hanging out with a bunch of kittens? Discover the answers to these questions and more in Volume 3 of Vampire Game!

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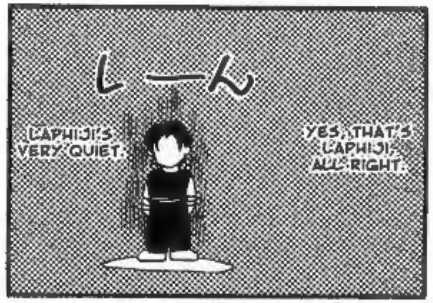

DON'T SPREAD THAT AROUND, THOUGH. HE LIKES TO BE MYSTERIOUS
BUT HE HAS A HELLUVA SINGING VOICE, IF YOU GET HIM DRUNK ENOUGH
KIDDING, RIGHT?
HUH?! WHAT?

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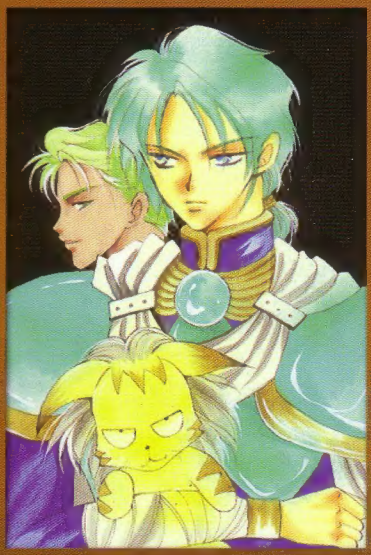

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